

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 27, 2008 AT THE COTTONWOOD OLD TOWN POLICE SUB-STATION, 817 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairperson Carrigan called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Linda Norman, Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Ron Goldman, Commission Member
James Strande, Commission Member
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Duane Kirby
Linda Norman

Council Member Kirby announced to the Commission the City of Cottonwood has agreed to pay for a phone line for the Commission to use as a Hot Line. The Hot Line will be staffed by volunteers who will be able to assist citizens with questions concerning whatever needs they might have. The Commission will need to decide where they wish the phone installed and provide training for the volunteers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR INITIAL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2008

The minutes of March 13, 2008 were discussed briefly. Ron Goldman noted that Verde Valley Caregivers have already been providing a Companion Program and provide Carpooling, which was discussed at the March 13th meeting. Vice-Chairperson Bremner moved to approve the minutes, and Chairperson Beth Carrigan seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TARGET DATE FOR A SENIOR EVENT TO BE HELD, AND WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ATTEND

Vice-Chairperson Bremner gave a brief review of the event that was held last year at the Senior Center. There were numerous Support Services and Providers available to answer questions and provide information. The discussion of a future Prime Time Fair should also include numerous exhibits and food. This would also be a good time to solicit volunteers. For the planning of such an event, it was agreed that Fall of 2008 would be the soonest an event could be scheduled.

The discussion continued with the thought of just doing an event for Volunteer Recruitment in the Fall of 2008, and plan a larger Prime Time Fair for next year.

A large number of younger retired citizens are looking for ways to keep busy, so it was suggested since the Commission will be meeting for their regular meeting on May 22nd, a Volunteer Recruitment could be planned for the afternoon.

It was also discussed that a series of events on a quarterly basis might be something to think about.

DISCUSSION OF WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A SURVEY TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF COTTONWOOD

Commissioner Couturier provided the members with a copy of a one-page survey that she had used to get input from some citizens. Something like this could be fine-tuned and distributed to churches, Home Owners Associations and even at the Farmer Market. Chairperson Carrigan also had some survey questions that could be added. Chairperson Carrigan said she would combine the questions to a survey, and bring it back to the next meeting for the members to review and possibly approve.

DISCUSSION OF TRAINING FOR INTERNS WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN HOT LINE

There was a brief discussion on who could provide the phone volunteers training. It was agreed this item could be discussed again at a later time. The thought of the Commission developing a Mission Statement was discussed. Commission members will provide their thoughts at the next meeting what they would like to see as a Mission Statement for the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Strande moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Couturier seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.